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FOR JERRY L. PRILLAMAN

DEPARTMENT HAS IDENTIFIED ONE OPPORTUNITY FOR DA. LOUW WHICH HE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER. CU COORDINATOR FOR NARCOTICS PROGRAMS, DAVID S. MCCONNELL, DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY WITH CHARLES ROHRS, MD., NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF ODYSSEY HOUSE, NEW YORK CITY. DR. ROHRS WAS QUITE RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF HAVING MR. LOUW WORK WITH ODYSSEY HOUSE, WHICH WAS ONE OF FIRST DRUG REHABILITATION CENTERS IN US WITH PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT CAPABILITY. DR. ROHRS ALSO LECTURES IN PSYCHIATRY AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND HAS CONDUCTED VERY SUCESSFUL SEMINARS FOR POSTS IN EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE. IN ADDITION, ODYSSEY HOUSE HAS HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH HOSTING FOREIGN VISITORS AND TRAINEES. RESIDENCE AND WORK AT ODYSSEY HOUSE SERVE AS EXCELLENT BASE FOR LEARNING ABOUT DRUG ABUSE AND IMPROVING RACIAL RELATIONS IN US.

IF HE IS INTERESTED IN THIS POSSIBILITY, MR. LOUW SHOULD WRITE DIRECTLY TO DR. CHARLES ROHRS, ODYSSEY HOUSE, 208-
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210 E. 18TH ST., N. Y. N. Y. 10003, CITING MCCONNELL'S

NAME. INTERPERSONAL ENCOUNTER, OPENNESS, AND HONESTY WOULD BE REQUIRED, MAKING ADJUSTMENT EVEN FOR AMERICANS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT. THEREFORE POST SHOULD ASSURE ITSELF THAT LOUW ABLE TO MEET DEMANDS FOR ADJUSTMENT. HE SHOULD ELABORATE ON WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO AND INQUIRE ABOUT ODYSSEY HOUSE TO SEE WHETHER THEIR MUTUAL NEEDS AND RESOURCES MATCH SUFFICIENTLY. DR. ROHRS IN TURN WILL WANT TO EXPLORE THE MATTER WITH MR. LOUW. DR. ROHR'S CAUTION IS MAINLY DUE TO NEED TO AVOID OVERLY TAXING CULTURE SHOCK.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE MATTER BETWEEN MR. LOUW AND DR. ROHRS ODYSSEY HOUSE MIGHT PROVIDE FOR MOST OF US EXPENSES. SEE NO POSSIBILITY OF TRAVEL GRANT.

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